IN THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled) Check-out system (1), comprising:

at least one collecting space (20);

a receiving part (11);

a conveyor belt assembly (10) from the receiving part (11) to the collecting space (20);

and a security (12; 21; 22) against taking articles away from the conveyor belt assembly (10) and from the collecting space (20).

2. (canceled) Check-out system according to claim 1, wherein the said security comprises a hood (12) extending from the receiving part (11) over the conveyor assembly (10).

3. (canceled) Check-out system according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the said security comprises a controllable access barrier (21) of the collecting space (20).

4. (canceled) Check-out system according to any of the previous claims, wherein the said security comprises a controllable security (22) against taking articles away from the collecting space (20).

5. (canceled) Check-out system according to claim 4, wherein said security (22) comprises a controllable physical barrier such as a flap or a door.

6. (canceled) Check-out system according to claim 4, wherein said security (22) comprises a sensor such as a movement sensor, an approach sensor, a camera, etc.

7. (canceled) Check-out system according to any of the previous claims, provided with an input unit (30) to be operated by a customer for inputting an article identification, such as for instance a numerical keyboard, a barcode reader, or the like.

8. (canceled) Check-out system according to claim 7, provided with a weighing device (13) for weighing articles placed on the conveyor belt assembly (10).

9. (canceled) Check-out system according to any of the previous claims, wherein a control device (2) is provided, which is coupled to the input (30) and to the controllable access barrier (21) of the collecting space (20), which control device is designed to control the controllable access barrier (21) of the collecting space (20) to a closed condition in response to receiving a signal inputted by the customer indicating that the customer is ready.

10. (canceled) Check-out system according to any of the previous claims, wherein a control device (2) is provided, which is coupled to the controllable security (22) of the collecting

space (20), which control device is designed to control this security to a released condition after receiving a payment signal.

11. (canceled) Check-out system according to claim 10, provided with a cash slip printer (60), wherein the system is designed to print a cash slip (61) with a release-code (62) thereon when a customer has performed a payment.

12. (canceled) Check-out system according to claim 10 or 11, provided with an input unit (23) associated with the collecting space (20), coupled to the control device (2), wherein the control device (2) is designed to release said security in response to receiving a valid release-code (62).

13. (canceled) Check-out system according to claim 8, further provided with a control device (2) and a data file associated therewith, which control device (2), in an input reading mode, is designed to measure weights of article specimen and to input these weights into the data file.

14. (canceled) Check-out system according to claim 13, wherein the control device (2) is designed to calculate a mean (G_{gem}) and a deviation (G_{dev}) from the measured weights, and to store these data into the data file.

15. (canceled) Check-out system according to claim 13 or 14, wherein the control device (2), in a normal operating mode, is designed to dynamically adapt the weight data in the data file to the presently measured weight (G_m).

16. (new) Check-out system (1), comprising:

at least one collecting space (20);

a receiving part (11);

a conveyor belt assembly (10) from the receiving part (11) to the collecting space (20);

and a security (12; 21; 22) against taking articles away from the conveyor belt assembly (10) and from the collecting space (20).

17. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 16, wherein the security comprises a hood (12) extending from the receiving part (11) over the conveyor belt assembly (10).

18. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 16, wherein the security comprises a controllable access barrier (21) of the collecting space (20).

19. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 16, wherein the security comprises a

controllable security (22) against taking articles away from the collecting space (20).

20. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 19, wherein the controllable security (22) comprises a controllable physical barrier.

21. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 20, wherein the controllable physical barrier is a flap.

22. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 20, wherein the controllable physical barrier is a door.

23. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 19, wherein the controllable security (22) comprises a sensor.

24. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 23, wherein the sensor is a movement sensor.

25. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 23, wherein the sensor is an approach sensor.

26. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 23, wherein the sensor is a camera.

27. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 16, further comprising an input unit (30) to be operated by a customer for inputting an article identification.

28. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 27, the input unit comprising a numerical keyboard.

29. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 27, the input unit comprising a barcode reader.

30. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 27, further comprising a weighing device (13) for weighing articles placed on the conveyor belt assembly (10).

31. (new) Check-out system according Claim 18, further comprising a control device (2) that is coupled to an input (30) and to the controllable access barrier (21) of the collecting space (20), which control device is designed to control the controllable access barrier (21) of the collecting space (20) to a closed condition in response to receiving a signal inputted by the customer indicating that the customer is ready.

32. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 19, further comprising a control device (2) that is coupled to the controllable security (22) of the collecting space (20), which control device is designed to control this security to a released condition after receiving a payment

signal.

33. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 32, further comprising a cash slip printer (60), wherein the system is designed to print a cash slip (61) with a release-code (62) thereon when a customer has performed a payment.

34. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 32, further comprising an input unit (23) associated with the collecting space (20), coupled to the control device (2), wherein the control device (2) is designed to release said security in response to receiving a valid release-code (62).

35. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 30, further comprising a control device (2) and a data file associated therewith, which control device (2), in an input reading mode, is designed to measure weights of article specimen and to input these weights into the data file.

36. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 35, wherein the control device (2) is designed to calculate a mean (G_{gem}) and a deviation (G_{dev}) from the measured weights, and to store these data into the data file.

37. (new) Check-out system according to Claim 35, wherein the control device (2), in a normal operating mode, is designed to dynamically adapt the weight data in the data file to the presently measured weight (G_m).